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I AM TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU BACK TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER COMPLETION BY THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OF ITS STUNNINGLY SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE AND ITALY. THE ORCHESTRA, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, MAINTAINED A TREMENDOUS PACE TO MEET A DEMANDING CONCERT SCHEDULE IN SIX COUNTRIES IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM FOLLOWED EACH CONCERT FROM THE ORCHESTRA'S OPENING IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, TO PRAGUE AND BRATISLAVA IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHERE THE ORCHESTRA ENDED ITS TWELVE-CONCERT TOUR.

THE ORCHESTRA DURING IT'S TOUR SIGNIFICANTLY ILLUSTRATED THE DEPTH AND WEALTH OF MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT AND CREATIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

I NOTE WITH GRATITUDE THAT THE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCES SUFFERED, BECAUSE OF MANAGEMENT AND LOGISTIC TASKS OF INCREDIBLE COMPLEXITY, SERVED ONLY TO HIGHLIGHT THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AND MISSION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION WHICH

I AM SURE IN LARGE MEASURE WAS DUE TO YOUR SUPERB LEADERSHIP.

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I AM MOST HAPPY TO SEND TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LOS

ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA MY SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS
AND THANKS FOR THIS SIGNIFICANT ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION.
PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES TO YOU AND THE ORCHESTRA FOR
A MOST SUCCESSFUL CONCERT SEASON.

SINCERELY YOURS,
JOHN RICHARDSON, JR.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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